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WILD WESTERN ACTION IN DESERTER #1!

His name was Aaron Hope, and in the years following the Civil War he rode the western plains, alone and hunted by a man from his past. Yet he was different... he was THE DESERTER, and his story begins in the premiere issue of his own magazine.

When war broke out between the States, he was a New England farmboy who turned to soldiering, until that fateful day he vowed never again to take the life of a fellow man! Now, he rides unarmed through the west, only one step ahead of the man who has sworn to bring Aaron Hope to justice... dead or alive!

DC's newest western hero was created and written by Gerry Conway, with art by Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal.

With a cover by Joe Kubert, THE DESERTER #1 goes on sale September 19th.

STARLIN BATMAN, WEIN-GOLDEN DEMON IN BATMAN FAMILY DOLLAR COMIC!

A trio of grisly murders has the Gotham City police baffled... until The Batman is called in to help solve a "Murder In The Night" in BATMAN FAMILY #21.

In this first of a two-part adventure written and pencilled by Jim Starlin, the Darknight Detective finds that the murder victims were all soldiers with the late Thomas Wayne during World War I... and the motive dates back over 60 years! Inks for this story were provided by Craig Russell.

And Robin asks the question "Does the Costume Make the Hero?" as he tries out new uniforms designed by members of the Robin Booster Club and faces his old foe, the Raven, in this story by Bob Rozakis, Don Newton and Dan Adkins.

Congresswoman Barbara Gordon is sent to Red China on a diplomatic mission that soon turns to chaos for Batgirl! Written by Rozakis, "A Slow Death In China" was drawn by Don Heck and Bob Smith.

The private eye team of Kirk Langstrom and Jason Bard is called in to investigate a mysterious kidnapping in this issue's Man-Bat tale, "The Whittle Snatch," by Rozakis, Newton and an as-yet-unassigned inker.

And premiering this issue is the long-awaited return of Jack Kirby's Demon in "The Eternity Book," an all-new 15-page adventure scripted by Len Wein and pencilled by Mike Golden. Beginning next issue, Steve Ditko takes over the art chores on this feature.

BATMAN FAMILY #21, with a wrap-around cover by Jim Starlin, goes on sale September 14th.

ADAM STRANGE DEBUT IN STAR HUNTERS!

Adam Strange flies into the pages of STAR HUNTERS this month to begin his new regular series. Adam uses the Zeta-Beam to breach the fortress of the alien-invader holding Rann captive in "Zeta Death" by Jack C. Harris, Jim Sherman and Joe Rubinstein.

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Donovan Flint is again back on Earth... but in order to survive long enough to see "The Sweet Dawn of Victory" he must join forces with the Clone Children and battle weird creatures beneath the city of the future in STAR HUNTERS #8.

Meanwhile, his companions aboard the Sun Rider II fight a losing battle against the Corporation's intergalactic space fleet! Be sure to witness the Star Hunters final showdown with the Corporation as Gerry Conway takes over as regular scripter with penciller Rich Buckler.

With a cover by Buckler and Rubinstein, STAR HUNTERS #8 goes on sale September 21st.

ZATANNA JOINS THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

The vote is in, the decision unanimous and Zatanna is ready to be inducted into the ranks of the world's greatest super-heroes... except she has refused this invitation to join the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA!

Sporting a brand-new costume, Zatanna's refusal startles the membership of the JLA, until they learn the true reasons for "The Reverse Spells of Zatanna's Magic." Gerry Conway scripted the story with art by Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin.

JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #161, with a cover by Rich Buckler and McLaughlin, goes on sale September 5th.

AMAZONS END WONDER WOMAN'S CAREER IN UNIQUE 250TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE!

After years as the Amazing Amazon, Princess Diana returns to Paradise Island to take part in the "Tournament" which will change her life in the 250th anniversary issue of WONDER WOMAN!

Wonder Woman is challenged by the Amazon Orana who wants to become the new Wonder Woman, and in order to remain the keeper of the Golden Lasso she must defeat her challenger in contests of earth, air, fire and water! Can she do it? Find out the outcome of this amazing contest in this story by Jack C. Harris, Jose Delbo and Joe Giella.

And the Amazons arrive at the home dimension of the winged centaur Char, and finds it in the thrall of a nameless god who places them under a "Seige of Thunder," by Bob Toomey, Maurice Whitman and Vince Colletta.

WONDER WOMAN #250 goes on sale September 28th.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER DEPT.:

Last month's COMING ATTRACTIONS went to press before the final decision was reached on an exciting new project: the start of the new line of DC DIGEST COMICS!

The DIGEST COMICS series will be slightly larger than a standard paperback book, much like the Tarzan digest published several years back.

The first two issues, on sale August 15th, feature The Best of DC and Welcome Back, Kotter. Paul Levitz and Ross Andru are editors of The Best of DC (DIGEST COMICS #1), with Larry Hama editing Welcome Back, Kotter (DIGEST COMICS #2). And, coming soon, is an as-yet-untitled mystery digest, edited by Levitz and Allen Milgrom, and a Superman digest, edited by Cary Burkett and Andru.

Those DIGEST COMICS #1 and #2 were last-minute additions to last month's schedule, it is not too late to place your order for them with your wholesaler or local distributor.

ODD ITEMS, NOTEWORTHY NEWS

The Legionaires go to Mercury to aid Karate Kid but discover a different type of trouble at the planet's Incurable Disease Center in "Will The Last One On Mercury Please Close The Planet," by Paul Levitz, Len Wein, Joe Staton and an as-yet-unassigned inker. And rounding out this issue, the Legion must determine whether the Fatal Five are sincere in their sponsorship of a world wanting to join the United Planets in this story by Wein, pencilled by Staton. SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #246 has a cover by Mike Grell and Joe Rubinstein... The Unknown Soldier and Chat Noir infiltrate a Nazi POW camp to rescue an allied inventor, only to find that there is "No Exit From Stalag 19," by Bob Haney, Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc. And a new three-part series by Bill Kelley and Fred Carrillo begins, "Andrea Stewart, Combat Nurse." All this takes place in UNKNOWN SOLDIER #222, with a cover by Joe Kubert.

The current Claw saga concludes and a whole new direction is given to this book as Tom DeFalco takes over as regular scripter in CLAW, THE UNCONQUERED #14. Claw must lead an assault on the castle of Dalivar the Unethical to regain the mystical gauntlet which controls his demon hand. Romeo Tanghal and Bob Smith provided the art and the cover is by Joe Kubert... "The Duke of Zarkania" is his name, and Jonah Hex is hired to protect this evil ruler of a small European nation from assassination at the hands of his countrymen in JONAH HEX #19 by Michael Fleisher and Vicente Alcazar... The Green Lanterns of Earths-1 and -2 are summoned before the Guardians of the Universe, which leads them on an adventure that proves "Dark Things Cannot Stand the Light" in GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW #111, by Denny O'Neil, Alex Saviuk and an as-yet-unnamed inker. And the first part of The Tales of the Green Lantern Corps is represented by "Indictment," by Bob Toomey, with pencils by Saviuk. Mike Grell did the cover.

"Night of Siege" marks the return of the Black Spider to continue his fight against Gotham's drug dealers and the Caped Crusader in BATMAN #306, by Gerry Conway, John Calnan and Dave Hunt. And the conclusion of The Unsolved Cases of The Batman is the "Mystery Murder of Mrs. Batman" by Bob Rozakis, Don Newton and Hunt. The cover is by Jim Aparo... Learn the startling secret behind the Man of Steel's secret identity and how he keeps it, in "The Master Mesmerizer of Metropolis" in SUPERMAN #330 by Martin Pasko, Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte. The cover is by Ross Andru and Dick Giordano... The child of Travis Morgan and Tara is kidnapped by Deimos, and the warlord and his mate must track them through Skartaris in WARLORD #16, written and pencilled by Mike Grell. And rounding out this issue is a special 8-page story spotlighting Machiste, also by Grell... Barry Allen a comic book collector? It's true-- but see what problems his hobby can cause in "Riddle of the Runaway Comic" in FLASH #268 by Cary Bates, Irv Novick and Frank McLaughlin. And Kid Flash is back with another high-speed adventure as he encounters a "Warning, Danger Ahead" by Bates, Alex Saviuk and McLaughlin.

Can it be there is "No Tomorrow for Superman"? Find out in ACTION COMICS #490 in a story by Cary Bates, Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte. "A New Uniform for Air Wave," written by Bob Rozakis and pencilled by Alex Saviuk rounds out the issue. Air Wave's new costume, incidentally, was designed by Len Wein... Easy Company learns a lesson in heroics in this Robert Kanigher/ Dick Ayers/ Romeo Tanghal collaboration, "Monday's Hero... Tuesday's Coward" in SGT. ROCK #323... WEIRD WAR TALES #70 and SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #15 each feature a story drawn by Alex Nino... WESTERN CLASSICS is back for its second big issue, featuring "The Secret Origin of Johnny Thunder" by Robert Kanigher and Gil Kane and the conclusion of "Bat Lash" by Sergio Aragones, Denny O'Neil and Nick Cardy... And

the Legion of Super-Heroes is featured in DEMAND CLASSICS #2, "The Ghost of Ferro Lad," by Jim Shooter, Curt Swan and George Klein.

World War II begins for the Indestructible Man in STEEL #6 as Steel heads for war-torn Europe to investigate a plot to kill Winston Churchill. But Steel is captured and placed in a Nazi concentration camp where he learns the origin of Baron Blitzkreig in "Super Soldier," by Gerry Conway, Don Heck and Frank Chiaramonte... From out of the sea and the wind comes an all-new villain for the Nuclear Man! "Typhoon is the Storm of the Soul" in FIRESTORM #6 is by Gerry Conway, with pencils by Allen Milgrom.

Batman and Superman lead off WORLD'S FINEST #254 in a story by Bob Haney, George Tuska and Vince Colletta which pits the World's Finest heroes against Sinestro, the renegade Green Lantern. And the Black Canary must save both herself and Green Arrow from the clutches of the Glorm in "Primeval Scream" by Gerry Conway, Trevor Von Eeden and Colletta. Green Arrow also appears in a solo story which tells the fate of his old Arrowcar. "The Race Is In The Running" is by Conway, Von Eeden and an as-yet-unassigned inker. Who is the villain who battles the Creeper? Is he a harmless child or a dangerous old man? Find out in "Beware Mr. Wrinkles" by Steve Ditko. And rounding out this issue is the World's Mightiest Mortal in "The Devil and Captain Marvel" by E. Nelson Bridwell, Don Newton and Kurt Schaffenberger. The wrap-around cover is by Jim Aparo.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF August 15th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF September 5th:
Batman #306 / Justice League of America #161 / Jonah Hex #19 / Army At War #2 / Secrets of Haunted House #15 / Flash #268 / Demand Classics #2

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF August 22nd FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF September 12th:
Superman #330 / Weird War Tales #70 / House of Secrets #155 / Batman Family #21 / Weird Mystery Tales #26 / Claw, The Unconquered / Super Friends #15 / Western Classics #2

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF August 29th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF September 19th:
Ghosts #71 / G.I. Combat #211 / World's Finest #254 / House of Mystery #263 / Star Hunters #8 / Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes #246 / **The Deserter #1** / Sgt. Rock #323

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF **September** 5th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF September 26th:
Green Lantern-Green Arrow #111 / Unknown Soldier #222 / Firestorm #6 / Steel #6 / Action Comics #490 / Wonder Woman #250 / Witching Hour #87 / Warlord #16